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Lebanon

Withdrawal of Foreign Forces -- A Phalangist Party delegation met with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus in talks believed to have dealt with the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, Monte Carlo radio revealed. Sources in Damascus cited by QNA affirmed that official Syrian-Lebanese negotiations on the withdrawal of Syrian forces are expected to begin after President Amin al-Jumayyil's forthcoming visit to Damascus and other Arab capitals. PLO Information Department Chief Yasir 'Abd Rabbuh announced in Damascus that during Al-Jumayyil's Arab tour, the Lebanese president will meet with the Palestinian leadership to discuss Palestinian-Lebanese relations, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. However, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio said Al-Jumayyil will not make a personal tour of Arab states, but will instead send special representatives to Arab capitals.

UNIFIL Troops Killed -- Three Irish UNIFIL soldiers were killed in an attack by unidentified persons in the central sector of southern Lebanon, Beirut radio reported citing the UN spokesman in Jerusalem.

Relations With Israel -- President al-Jumayyil has refused to meet with any Israeli figure since his election as president, Jerusalem radio reported. The radio spoke of a "rapid degeneration" in Lebanese-Israeli relations.

Israel

West Bank, Sharon Remarks -- Arab youths demonstrated and caused disturbances in Nabulus, Ramallah and the Ad-Duhayshah refugee camp near Bethlehem, according to Jerusalem radio. Meanwhile, Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon told Gush Emunim settlers near Janin that massive settlement all over Judaea and Samaria is the best response to various plans that "outsiders" are trying to foist on Israel, THE JERUSALEM POST reported. Sharon subsequently announced to Herut Party youth members that President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan was prepared by the U.S. administration long before Israel began its "Peace for Galilee" campaign and was "due to be imposed upon us in any event," IDF radio reported.

El Al Dispute -- Ben-Gurion Airport was reopened to air traffic on 28 October after its closure the previous day because of the blockage of the runways by El Al workers and their families, Jerusalem radio reported. The workers evacuated the airport overnight in response to a request by the Cabinet and the Histadrut, who will resume negotiations over El Al's future on 31 October, the radio said.

Egyptian-Israeli Relations

MENA reported that a meeting was held at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry on 27 October to discuss the Tabah issue and the Egyptian strategy for solving the problem based both on the stand prepared by Egyptian experts and on the Egyptian-Israeli agreement. Meanwhile, the Tel Aviv daily YEDI'OT AHARONOT reported that Israel and Egypt have appealed to the command headquarters of the Sinai Multinational Force and Observers to act to prevent infiltrations from Egypt into Israeli territory. The Egypt-Israel joint military committee is working continuously to maintain cooperation between the two countries, the paper added.

Arab Committee

The Syrian paper TISHRIN criticized the seven-member Arab delegation for showing a positive attitude toward the Reagan plan during its visit to Washington and for failing to firmly adhere to the Fes summit resolutions, SANA reported. Earlier, SPA revealed that the committee has postponed its visit to London.

Iran-Iraq War

Iranian and Iraqi military communiques, broadcast by Tehran and Baghdad radios respectively, reported continuing exchanges of fire on various battlefronts. Baghdad reported that 59 Iranians were killed during clashes in the central sector on 26 October and that enemy artillery shelled Basra, Khanaqin and Mandali, destroying some homes. Iranian forces heavily damaged Iraqi oil installations in the western border areas on 26 October, IRNA reported.

Libya

Col Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi held "cordial" talks in Beijing with Chairman of the Central Advisory Commission of the CPC Deng Xiaoping, XINHUA reported.

Oman-PDRY Agreement

Oman and the PDRY signed an agreement to normalize relations, Kuwaiti radio reported. Details of the agreement will be announced on 15 November following ratification by the two capitals. According to KUNA and WAKH, leading participants in the talks, which were sponsored by Kuwait and the UAE under the auspices of the GCC, praised the spirit in which the talks were held and voiced optimism for future Gulf relations.

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ERSHAD'S TERM AS ARMED FORCES CHIEF EXTENDED

BK271725 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] According to an announcement in Dhaka today, the Bangladesh Cabinet has extended the term of Lt Gen H.M. Ershad as chief of the armed forces by 2 years. He was due to retire from 1 December this year. The Cabinet also decided that Gen Ershad would have the title of the president of the Council of Ministers while visiting abroad and he will be called as the chief martial law administrator within the country.

GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO RELEASE ARRESTED LAWYERS

BK271155 Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali 1700 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Text] It was announced in Dhaka tonight that, in view of the Supreme Court Bar Association's decision to withdraw its resolutions adopted on 10 and 13 October, the government has decided to release the recently arrested lawyers.

A delegation of lawyers, including senior advocates of the Supreme Court, led by Ataur Rahman Khan, called on the chief martial law administrator [CMLA] in Dhaka yesterday. They appealed to the CMLA to release the arrested lawyers stating that the lawyers had not intended to violate any martial law provisions or to work against the scheme to decentralize the judiciary. The delegation assured the CMLA that the resolutions adopted by the Supreme Court Bar Association would be withdrawn.

An emergency meeting of the Supreme Court Bar Association held in Dhaka today under the chairmanship of (Abdur Rahman Talukdar), vice president of the association, unanimously decided to withdraw the resolutions adopted on 10 and 13 October. In view of the decision by the Supreme Court Bar Association, the CMLA, as a good will gesture, ordered the release of all the lawyers who had been arrested.

MINISTER DISCUSSES TIMING OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

BK221448 Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English 18 Oct 82 p 1

[Excerpt] Mr Mahbubur Rahman, minister for local government, rural development and cooperatives, said on Sunday that the government was actively considering to start process of election to the local bodies with the beginning of next year. The election to the local bodies is likely to be held by the end of 1983, he added.

Talking to THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER on Sunday the minister said the election process involves delimitation of the constituencies of union parishad [council] and enumeration, registration and publication of voters list. The process may take six to eight months' time and elections to the local bodies will be held after completion of the election process if the atmosphere is congenial, he asserted. The minister stated that the last enrolment of voters was in 1976 and a fresh enrolment is required before holding the next election to all tiers.

Mr Mahbubur Rahman hinted that it was also under active consideration of the government to hold the election to the thana parishads [police zone councils] at the same time. The election to thana parishads will be held for electing chairmen and vice-chairmen only. Other members of the thana parishads are the chairmen of the union parishads. An electoral college consisting of the chairmen, and members of the union parishads and chairmen and vice-chairmen of the thana parishads for electing the chairmen and vice chairmen of the district parishads is likely to be formed.

ARMY CALLED OUT IN BARODA; 4 KILLED IN CLASHES

BK280308 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] In Baroda, the army was called out last night to help the civil authorities prevent clashes between two groups of people and protect life and property. At least four people were killed and three injured in last night's renewed clashes; one of them was killed in police firing. Gujarat Home Minister Prabhodh Raval told our Ahmedabad correspondent a short while ago that no incident has been reported since the early hours of this morning. He said that an indefinite curfew has been clamped in the affected areas. Police patrolling has been strengthened.

Situation 'Under Control'

BK280902 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Oct 82

[Text] In Baroda, the situation is reported to be under control after the army moved this morning into the areas affected by clashes between two groups. The Gujarat Home Minister Prabhodh Raval told our Ahmedabad correspondent that no untoward incident, except for two minor ones, was reported from any part of the city till this afternoon. At least 80 antisocial elements have been arrested. Seventeen people, who received stab injuries, have been admitted to the hospital. The indefinite curfew continues to be in force in the entire Baroda city.

ALKALI LEADER LEAVES JAIL, GOES TO AMRITSAR

BK271603 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] President Akali Dal-T [Tara Singh] Jagdev Singh Talwandi today left Ludhiana jail along with about 2,000 Akali volunteers. They were arrested in connection with the Akali agitation and the state government had ordered their release on Monday last.

Talwandi is a member of the five-man committee appointed by the Akali Dal-L [Longowal] Chief Sant Harchand Singh Longowal to hold discussions with former Union Minister Swaran Singh.

The All India Radio Chandigarh correspondent reports that while Talwandi left for Amritsar, others left for their respective villages.

MIZO INSURGENTS KILL POLICEMEN IN AMBUSH

BK261701 Hong Kong AFP in English 1536 GMT 26 Oct 82

[Text] New Delhi, Oct [date as received] (AFP) -- Six members of the para-military Central Reserve Police (CRP) force were killed in an ambush by suspected Mizo insurgents on Monday at Tipaimukh in the northeastern State of Manipur, near the border with the adjacent State of Mizoram, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported today.

PTI quoted official sources at Imphal, Manipur's capital, as saying that the extremists belonging to the outlawed Mizo National Front (MNF) fired at the CRP group using automatic weapons and carried away one pistol, five rifles and large quantity of ammunition after the incident.

The sources noted that a number of MNF members had recently infiltrated into Mizo-inhabited areas of Manipur from Mizoram, their native land where they have been waging an underground struggle for independence.

A round-the-clock vigil was being kept along the Manipur-Mizoram border following the reported Mizo infiltration into the first state, the sources added.

POLICE, SHI'ITE MUSLIMS CLASH IN ISLAMABAD

BK270913 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] In Pakistan, police fired tear gas to break up a religious procession of Shi'ite Muslims in Islamabad yesterday. According to an official statement in Islamabad, the processionists injured several policemen in stone throwing.

JASARAT URGES ISLAMIC PARTIES TO UNITE

GF261012 Karachi JASARAT in Urdu 18 Oct 82 p 3

[Editorial: "If This Happens...."]

[Text] The present political vacuum is progressively presaging fearsome events. In this alarming situation, just by blaming the government or demanding the restoration of political activity, the future calamity of this dangerous political vacuum cannot be averted or delayed for long. However, along with demanding the restoration of political activity, the politicians also should make preparations that will enable them to assume responsibility as soon as the ban on political activity is lifted. For this purpose, the forces of positive political activity should become active without further delay. If no such preparations are made, the political sector may be lost to the anarchists and, in that event, all popular expectations will come to naught.

With this background in view and expressing frustration over the inaction of the political parties, a prominent politician and leader of the Islamic movement, Prof Abdul Ghafur Ahmad, president of Jama'at-e Islami, has recently said that the gulf between the various political parties is widening and little understanding and cooperation is developing. He has said that in the previous National Assembly, political parties cooperated in the struggle for restoration of political rights. However, he said, today there is a gulf existing among them. While drawing attention to this situation, Professor Ghafur Ahmad has appealed to politicians to bridge this gulf in the greater interest of the nation. They should not work to reopen issues long decided nor should they widen the already existing breach.

Professor Ghafur Ahmad also has pointed out the elements preventing the closing of ranks among the proreligion politicians. He said certain religious parties with whom certain clergymen are also associated, having lost sight of their objective, are busy maligning the Jama'at-e Islami, and these elements, instead of working for the glory of the faith, do little else but shoot darts at Jama'at-e Islami. It would be more appropriate if these elements had engaged in struggle against the antireligious and communist elements. He has said that some religious parties have turned the mosques into centers of trouble and disputation.

The past experience of the general public proves there is some truth in Professor Ghafur Ahmad's statement. The situation he described is making the general public intolerant of clergymen and is helping nurture the growth of the antireligious forces. The situation also is causing alarm among religious elements. In this connection, Maulana Zahid al-Rashidi, leader of Jamiatul Ulema-i-Islam also has expressed his concern in similar terms.

In our opinion, the sincere elements working for the glory of Islam should get together and setup their ranks apart from the government and the vengeful elements engaged in opposing the government. And, if a very wide-based unity cannot be forged at present, only the Jama'at-e Islami and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam and elements having views similar to these two parties should forge a common platform without delay, leaving aside the other political elements. Such a united platform may form a base for a future, wider union. However, the inclusion of the Muslim League Party in such a union should not be ruled out summarily.

NEW MARTIAL LAW REGULATION ANNOUNCED

GF270825 Karachi DAWN in English 24 Oct 82 p 12

[Text] As a part of all-out efforts to curb and eliminate lawlessness from the country, the CMLA [chief martial law administrator] has promulgated MLR [Martial Law Regulation] 54 which will be deemed to have come into effect from July 5, 1977, says an official handout.

One of the salient provisions of this regulation is the onus of responsibility it puts on the harbourers and abettors of lawless elements.

In this context, the Provincial Home Department, in a press release, issued yesterday, has emphasised this aspect of the law for the general information of the public.

The press release, inter alia, says that any person or persons who may be aiding, helping or providing any assistance including shelter, food, drink or any implement, instrument, or firearm of any kind to any dacoit, robber, terrorist, proclaimed offender or any other person who has either committed or intends to commit or is likely to commit an offence liable to cause insecurity or fear among the public or affect public tranquillity, will be punished with death or any other punishment as has been provided for in MLO-5 [Martial Law Order-5].

Any person who has any information regarding the whereabouts of a dacoit, robber or terrorist or proclaimed offender, is required to provide it to the nearest police station or martial law authority. Failure to do so would render him liable for action under this law which carries the maximum penalty of death.

COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT HAQ'S VISIT TO DPRK

For Pyongyang coverage of President Ziaul Haq's official visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the text of a joint economic cooperation agreement, see the North Korea section of the 25, 26 and 27 October Asia & Pacific DAILY REPORT.

SRI LANKAPRESIDENT PROPOSES PARLIAMENT'S TERM BE EXTENDED

BK271339 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] The president told the Cabinet today that he proposed to ask the people to a referendum to extend the term of office of the present Parliament by 6 years from August 1983. The president said that he made this proposal as the people had given him a mandate to implement the policies he initiated at the 1977 election by reelecting him for a second term with nearly 53 percent of the total vote polled. In this electoral process, 139 electorates had confirmed their trust in the United National Party [UNP].

The president further stated that he would wish if [as heard] all UNP members of Parliament would give him letters of resignation from Parliament so that he may reconstitute the parliamentary group. This was because there was opposition to certain members of Parliament continuing for (?great lengths of period).

The president also said that he would soon make a further statement after discussion with the working committee of the party and the government parliamentary group.

The Cabinet unanimously approved the course of action suggested by the president.

'SUSPECTED TERRORISTS' ATTACK POLICE STATION

BK271616 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1550 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Police report that a group of about 15 persons, suspected to have been terrorists, attacked the Chavakachacheri police station with guns and hand bombs shortly before dawn today. The group had arrived at the police station about 0515 in a privately owned minibus bearing the registration No 2937309.

In the ensuing exchange of fire, Police Constables (Karunanadan), (Haldayan) and (Tilakratnam) were shot dead. Also killed was (Thandaiya Silvam), an outsider who was at the police station at the time.

Three of the attackers were killed by police fire. Police report that the group had then left the police station taking with them the bodies of the dead terrorists. They also made off with some firearms and ammunition from the police station. A special Criminal Investigation Department team is investigating the incident.

POLICE DIRECTED TO OUTLAW POLITICAL MEETINGS

BK231314 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 23 Oct 82

[Text] All divisional superintendents of police have been directed not to permit any political meetings and processions until the end of this month. Inspector General of Police Rudra Rajasingham said that the holding of a political meeting is a violation of the presidential election act. A spokesman said the police security told the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation that there were some incidents of post-election violence. These have now been contained and the law and order situation is normal in the country. Correspondents report that shops are (?opening) in districts as usual and people have resumed normal activities.

VELAYATI ON ALGIERS AGREEMENT, IRAQI STAND

LD270924 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] 'Ali Akabar Velayati, minister of foreign affairs, has been interviewed by our correspondent. He announced the position of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran vis-a-vis the claims of the Iraqi regime concerning the acceptance of the 1975 Algerian agreement.

In this connection, Velayati said: The claim concerning the acceptance of peace terms is being put forward by a regime that only yesterday, by bombing the residential areas of Dezful and Ilam, martyred and injured scores of our innocent compatriots. Velayati added: At the beginning of his extensive aggression and the imposed war, Saddam, with the intention of destroying the Islamic Republic and through dependence upon the imaginary power of his mercenary army and the support of America and the reactionary regimes of the region, unilaterally declared the 1975 agreement to be null and void and set claim to full sovereignty over the Armand Rud.

However, after more than 2 years of crime, plunder and destruction, the defensive operations of the heroic forces of Islam have repulsed the aggressive forces of Saddam from most of the occupied lands and have captured more than 40,000 of the deceived forces of Saddam. Now, humbly withdrawn from his former positions and, through the complete support of world arrogance and imperialist media, he claims to be in favor of peace.

The foreign minister of our country said: The humiliating change in the positions of the Ba'thist regime of Iraq makes it clear to world public opinion and to true peace-lovers how international agreements and treaties have been made into playthings in the hands of powerseeking and aggressive Iraqi criminals and how much importance one can attach to the sincerity of such claims.

The Islamic Republic of Iran announces that significant parts of Islamic Republic's western territory are still under the occupation of Iraqi forces and that every day, like yesterday, scores of innocent people in our towns and villages are thrown into the dust and dirt and their homes are destroyed by the fire of Saddam's forces.

The Islamic Republic of Iran regards itself committed to the blood of the martyrs who, with their pure bodies, have prevented continuation of aggression by the Ba'thists. We will realize their aspirations as long as 1 inch of Islamic territory is under the occupation of the Iraqi aggressors and as long as the legitimate conditions of our nation have not been met.

MONTAZERI COMMENTS ON IRAQI BOMBING, WAR

LD271356 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Excerpts] Following the savage air raids by Iraqi planes on Dezful and Ilam and the bombing of the residential districts of these two towns, His Great Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri referred in a message to the vast dimensions of the crimes committed by the Ba'thist Zionist regime of Iraq and the futile efforts of the United States and world oppression to save Saddam from certain downfall. He announced:

Our brave nation, inspired by the bloody message of Karbala' [the martyrdom of Imam Hoseyn and 72 others], has prepared itself to sacrifice everything and to resist future difficulties.

Our courageous combatants who are the flagbearers of Karbala' uprising are determined to rely on God and to seek the assistance of the lord of martyrs in dealing their final crushing blow and taking revenge for the blood of the dear martyrs from Ba'thist criminals. The text of the message sent by Ayatollah Montazeri is:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Simultaneous with the 'ashura of Hoseyn and at a time when preparations are underway for mourning ceremonies and reviving the glorious memory of the self-sacrifice of the lord of the martyrs and his loyal sons and friends, once again our resistant and champion towns have become the targets of Saddam's new crimes and numbers of our Muslim brothers and sisters have been either martyred or wounded. This crime is committed at a time when Saddam the liar, while still holding on to large parts of our country, in unison with his treacherous bosses and friends, has filled the ears of the world with his peace-seeking pretensions. He has mobilized all dishonest media and all propaganda aids of imperialism and Zionism to hide his lies, to cover the aggressions of the 'Aflaqi Ba'thist Party and to misrepresent the Islamic Republic regime. America and its allies are trying to prevent the fall of Saddam and the blasphemous Ba'thist Party of Iraq, which have drowned the region in blood and have tipped the military balance of Islamic countries in favor of usurping Israel.

The selfless nation of Iran which has been subjected to aggression by the blasphemous Iraqi Government has prepared itself to repulse this aggression and to liberate the Muslim nation of Iraq, and it would never contemplate the occupation of another country. Important to our nation is to protect Islam and to get rid of this criminal and infidel party. History shows that, as long as this party is ruling over Iraq, the Middle East region will not enjoy peace; Israel, this cancerous tumor of the region, will become stronger every day and increasingly will threaten Islam and Muslims. Saddam and the 'Aflaqi Ba'thist Party should fall by the hands of the forces of Islam and the Muslim nation of Iraq should take the destiny of their country into their own hands. All Muslims of the world, united in their efforts, should be mobilized to liberate dear Jerusalem -- only then would the Islamic Republic not ask for reparations and would give its unreserved material and spiritual support to the nation of Iraq. Of course, it is this implementation of Islam in Iraq that has terrorized America and its allies since Islam cuts the hands of international thieves and plunderers and encourages Muslim nations to make progress and become independent and self-reliant.

Our courageous combatants, the flagbearers of the Karbala' uprising, are determined to continue to the final victory, relying on God and seeking the assistance of the lord of the martyrs; maintaining their unity and coordination, they will deal the final crushing blow to the enemy of God and the people, answering the divine call of "Is there a succorer who will render succor to them?" which echoes in history, and they will take revenge for the dear martyrs of Ba'thist criminals and save the Muslim nation of Iraq.

Peace and God's benediction be upon you, Tasu'a 1982.

[Signed] Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri

26 KILLED, 107 INJURED IN DEZFUL ATTACK

GF271614 Tehran IRNA in English 1600 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Dezful, Oct 27, IRNA -- Latest reports reaching Tehran by 1300 hours today indicated that some 26 people were martyred and 107 injured in the Iraqi missile attack of this southern city Tuesday.

Also 25 houses were completely destroyed and a number of others were damaged in an area of 250 metres. Efforts are underway to take out bodies of possible more martyrs and injured probably entrapped under the debris.

Ground to ground missile attack of Iraqis against civilians of Dezful, on the eve of Shi'a Muslim mourning of Tasu'a, happened only a few days after an Islamic Conference Organisation peace mission left Tehran.

Iraq has always claimed to seek peace in spite of these massacres.

ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMUNIQUE NO 1,092

LD271740 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,092 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. God's greetings and blessings be upon the lord of the martyrs and master of the free people of the world, his great eminence Aba 'Abdullah al-Hoseyn, may peace be upon him, and his loyal friends who through the epic of 'ashura taught us the lesson of resistance and struggle against falsehood and the victory of blood against sword; they gave eternal life to the Islamic religion by sacrificing their own pure blood.

On the occasion of the Hosenite 'ashura-- the anniversary of the martyrdom of the lord of the martyrs, his great eminence Husayn ibn 'Ali, may peace be upon him -- the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran offers condolences to the imam of the era, may God hasten his lofty advent, and to his esteemed deputy, Imam Khomeyni, and to the heroic and martyr-rearing umma' of Iran, and we beseech Almighty God to grant final victory to the combatants of Islam.

During the past 24 hours, exchange of heavy artillery fire continued in the western operational sector of the country. On this region's fronts, our heroic combatants defended their own positions and, by returning enemy fire, destroyed part of the fortifications and positions of the Saddamist forces and prevented the enemy from digging trenches.

According to a report, a patrol group of our combative forces clashed with the enemy on one of the western fronts. This group, with unprecedented bravery, succeeded in routing the Saddamist forces and inflicted losses and damage on them.

Exchange of fire continued in the Paveh and Musian regions; our forces were superior. Thanks to artillery fire by the combatants of Islam, the enemy suffered heavy losses and its artillery fire was silenced.

During exchange of fire in the southern operational sector, our combative forces pounded enemy positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud with their heavy artillery. As a result, Iraqi movements were halted and several of Saddam's troops were either killed or wounded.

The enemy yesterday shelled Abadan with its long range and heavy artillery. Parts of the city were set on fire and five of our compatriots were wounded. Glory to the followers of the Koran and the justice-seeking combatants of Islam.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRNA: IRAQI PLANES VIOLATE ABADAN AIRSPACE

LD280008 Tehran IRNA in English 1950 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Abadan, Oct 27, IRNA -- Five people were injured and a residential place as well as a government building were damaged here as a result of the Iraqi long range artillery fire during the past 24 hours. The attack also caused fire in two areas in the city.

Also a number of Iraqi planes violated Abadan airspace to bomb residential places, which were forced to escape by the fire of the Islamic combatants.

Meanwhile, exchange of fire continued on both sides of Arvand River during which the Iranian forces killed 15 Iraqis and injured several others, as well as destroying two Iraqi group bunkers and setting on fire one of their fuel tanks.

The Iranian forces also halted an Iraqi military movement on Al-Faw-Basra highway.

IRAQI OIL INSTALLATIONS DAMAGED, WEAPONS SEIZED

LD272358 Tehran IRNA in English 1954 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Bakhtaran, Oct 27, IRNA -- Iranian combatants inflicted heavy damages on Iraqi oil installations in western border areas Tuesday.

During the preceding 24 hours, exchange of fire continued between the Iranian forces and the Iraqis in western fronts in which two Iraqi tanks were destroyed and eight enemy forces were killed.

In another western front, Iranian combatants seized an antiaircraft piece, a 106-mm gun and four vehicles from the Iraqi forces while damaging a tank and an artillery piece belonging to the enemy.

REJECTION OF ISRAELI UN EXPULSION CRITICIZED

LD271358 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Following the revolutionary proposal by the Islamic Republic of Iran for the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the UN General Assembly and the announcement by the assembly president to take a vote on the Iranian proposal, Finland's representative proposed that a vote be taken on the proposal that the motion presented by the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the UN General Assembly should be kept in abeyance.

Despite the opposition of the progressive and anti-Zionist countries of the world such as Syria, Libya and Algeria, the motion proposed by Finland was approved due to the refusal of the reactionary Arab countries to take part in the voting, as well as the positive vote of some reactionary countries such as Egypt and Tunisia and other friends of the regime occupying Jerusalem and America. In this way, with the collaboration of the reactionary Arab regimes who, in pursuance of the Camp David agreement and the resolutions of the Fes conference, are in favor of peaceful coexistence with Israel, the revolutionary proposal by Iran for the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the UN General Assembly was rejected.

According to political observers, by indirectly rejecting Iran's proposal due to the fear of their own nations, the reactionary Arab regimes directly voted for the presence of the regime occupying Jerusalem in the United Nations.

KUWAITI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES 'REPRIMANDED'

LD272206 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that following the restrictions imposed in the past 2 days by the Kuwaiti agents on the mourning ceremonies for Seyyed ash-Shohada and the arrest of one the mourners of Imam Hoseyn on charges of praying for the imam of the umma' and the combatants of Islam, the Kuwaiti charge d'affaires in Tehran this evening was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was strongly reprimanded in connection with this incident and asked to arrange the release of this brother and the cancellation of the restrictions on the mourning practiced by the devotees of His Eminence Aba 'Abdallah al-Hoseyn, peace be upon him.

MINISTER: RIGHT, LEFT CONSPIRACIES RESISTED

GF271656 Tehran IRNA in English 1545 GMT 27 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct 27, IRNA -- Interior Minister 'Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri said here today that the Islamic Republic of Iran had not so far withdrawn materialisation of its conditions to end the Iraqi imposed war and would not do so in future.

Nuri, speaking in a mourning ceremony held on Tehran's Sarcheshmen Ave. this morning to mark Tasu'a (9th of Muharram), stressed that the Islamic Republic was proud of pioneering the fight against international oppression. The Iranian nation, he added, was resisting all "right and left" conspiracies.

The minister, lauding Islamic combatants for their confrontation with counterrevolutionaries in Kordestan, said that any slow-down or strike, even under a revolutionary pretext, was a treason to Islam. He hoped that bottlenecks and shortcomings would be removed and opportunists would be punished soon.

During the ceremony mourners prayed long life for Imam Khomeyni and victory for the Islamic combatants and called for the continuation of the war until the achievement of final victory over Iraqi aggressor forces.

COMMANDER SAYS COUNTERREVOLUTION BEING ROUTED

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the commander of the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters has announced: In the regions of Western Azarbayjan and Kordestan, counterrevolution is being completely routed. Owing to the efforts of the Islamic combatants, no safe region has been left for the minigroups that are America's mercenaries.

The commander of the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, who made a speech on the eve of Husayn's Tasu'a at a gathering of combative people, Guards Corps, mobilization personnel and army forces at the Great Mosque of Urumiyeh, announced: With the establishment of the these headquarters, counterrevolution in the region has received heavy blows from the Islamic combatants; the united counterrevolution front is totally disintegrating and its leaders are fleeing across the borders.

He added: With the establishment of the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, which made the counterrevolution embark on desperate struggles, the outlawed armed minigroups intended to mobilize their forces and tried to stop this new raging movement of the Islamic combatants.

However, we saw that the region's committed people and our Kurdish Muslim brothers withstood this intention of the counterrevolution and that, through the guidance of the region's militant and aware clergymen, they disappointed these mercenaries of the aliens.

Continuing his speech, the commander of the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters recalled: With the quick operations launched by these headquarters, we are now certain that the counterrevolution's united front has been severely defeated by two flanks: the people, who have proved that they are faithful supporters of the Islamic Republic and who will never give an opportunity to counterrevolution; and the Islamic combatants, including the brother guards, army and mobilization and other popular forces, which in the last 2 weeks have dealt heavy blows to the counterrevolution's decaying body, which have tightened the stranglehold throughout the region, and which have blocked its supply routes on the Iraqi borders.

The commander of the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters said he considers these successful operations the result of the blessed blood of the Islamic combatants. He also mentioned that in the near future more fatal blows will be dealt to the counterrevolution's body, saying that he hopes the remnants of counterrevolutionary minigroups will come to their senses in the next few days and by surrendering to the powerful forces of Islam would find themselves a shelter, otherwise the Islamic combatants would not leave them alone.

FORMER PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR GENERAL ARRESTED

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[Text] The governor general of Kohkiluyeh va Boyer Ahmad during the idolatrous regime has been arrested. According to a report by the Central News Unit, following the arrest of the retired Maj Gen Mas'ud Hmama'i, the former governor general of Kohkiluyeh va Boyer Ahmad, the Islamic revolution prosecutor's office in Yasuj has asked the faithful and Muslim people of the province to contact this office if they have any complaints against him or want to be witnesses for or against him. The last date for such contacts will be the 10th of the current month.

BAZARGAN REPORTEDLY BOYCOTTING MAJLIS

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[Text] According to a report by our correspondent, Mehdi Bazargan, Khomeyni's first illegal prime minister, and a number of his colleagues, continue to boycott the anti-national Majlis sessions. This is at a time when a bill that was approved on Thursday in the Majlis states that any member remaining absent for long periods will be considered to have resigned and will lose his credentials as a deputy.

Our correspondent who broke this story in a special report stresses that the sole aim of this bill is to expel Bazargan and other competitors of the regime from the Majlis and complete their final suppression. We wish to add that the approval of such a bill, which is a reflection of antiquated daily registration in schools, is unprecedented in the history of the world's parliaments even though we cannot call a Majlis ordered by Khomeyni a parliament. If the absence of Bazargan and his colleagues continues, it will be taken into account from Sunday onward. However, there is a possibility of intermittent attendance by the members of Nehzat-e Azadi to Majlis sessions so that they will not lose their seats.

MADANI EXPLAINS REASONS FOR LEAVING COUNTRY

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[Admiral Ahmed Madani, former chief of staff, interview with 'Uthman al-'Amir in Paris -- date not given]

[Excerpts] Since he left Iran, he has been living in West Germany as a political refugee. We met in Paris. Our meeting lasted 2 hours. He spoke of his desire to move to the United States.

I asked Admiral Madani, who is known in the Western press as an outspoken man because of his incessant statements and speeches when he was in Iran, why did you withdraw from the limelight?

He said: When I was in Iran, I acted on the basis of my right as a leader and presidential candidate but now I do not appear on television or in other media because I believe that working silently is the best way to achieve the goal I am seeking.

[Question] Did you leave Iran because you failed in the presidential elections?

[Answer] I was one of the powerful and active people who worked against the shah's regime and contributed to the launching of the revolution from my important position. I was active in my work and was struggling and am still struggling to bring real revolution to all the people.

[Question] Why then did you leave Iran and choose to live in West Germany?

[Answer] I came to the conclusion that the people with whom I was dealing were not sincere in what they were claiming to achieve and that what they are doing does not serve the country and the citizens. I realized this in the last 2 years and I therefore began to oppose and differ with them. I asked them why they were against the principles of the real revolution and the teachings of Islam. Time and time again, I became convinced that I could not live in Iran.

[Question] Were you afraid of assassination or execution?

[Answer] I am not afraid of assassination or execution. However, I do not want to die so cheaply and in the fashion being carried out by Khomeyni's regime. I am prepared to die, but in an honorable way.

For this reason, I left the country. When I left, I wanted to seek refuge in a neighboring country such as Egypt, Turkey, or Pakistan or any Gulf country. However, I could cause problems for the country in which I sought refuge. For this reason, I chose West Germany after secretly leaving Iran.

[Question] Will you be staying here for good?

[Answer] No. I probably will go to the United States, making visits to Europe. From the first moment, I have been planning to help my people in order to save them from this regime which has humiliated them because it is actually against Iran, against Islam, to which they claim to belong, and against the revolution for the sake of which we fought. They are selfish people who think only of themselves. That is with the exception of certain groups that could be misled and there are the innocent ones who have nothing to do with them.

[Question] Do you believe in opposition from abroad?

[Answer] No. I even reject it and I am preparing to go back to Iran. Abroad you have nothing except the media, and the media cannot convince a regime that depends on misleading and manipulating the ordinary people.

[Question] What would you have done if you had been elected president instead of Bani-Sadr?

[Answer] If I had been elected, I would have been one like them. As you know, I faced a major conspiracy that led to me being kept away from the Presidency.

[Question] Now both you and Bani-Sadr are in exile. Both of you contested the Presidency. While he succeeded, you failed because many factors worked against you. Will you now get together? Could you possibly both be on the same list?

[Answer] First, I am not against Bani-Sadr but I cannot get together with him in the same direction. Bani-Sadr's difference with Khomeyni was not over principles but over influence.

[Question] You do not get together with the royalists or with Bani-Sadr although all of you are opposed to the regime. This is not understood.

[Answer] I am not a royalist. I am not against them except when they want to force the people to accept something they don't want. I also am not with the other side that wants to force the people to be republican. I adopt my stands on the basis of the people's desires. If the people accept the royalist trend, then I am with them and if not, I am with them too.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST AZARBAYJAN CITED

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[Text] Tabriz, Oct 23, IRNA -- Hoseyn Taheri, the governor general of East-Azarbayjan Province, said today that a preliminary contract for the purchase of a cement factory, an industrial lime factory, and package factory from Turkey has been prepared and he said that construction of the factories would begin about the end of winter, 1983.

Taheri said that this year's agricultural production in the province, especially fruits and dried fruits is higher than last year and this, he added, had created difficulties in storage facilities, including cold storage houses. As for this year's grain crop, he said that grain production had only reached last year's level, since large portions of the Moghan agro-industry lands were not cultivated this year. However, he said, that with the provision of technical and material assistance for the farmers next year, more land could be used for grain plantation.

On the province's electricity needs, Taheri said several plans were under study to build in a number of large rivers including one in Khodafarin, near the border with the Soviet Union, and one in Arastu. Also, the large power plant in Tabriz is nearing completion and a 100 megawatt natural gas power plant in Sufian is also under construction, while 600 kilowatt electrical line from Zanzan to Tabriz is being installed.

The governor general concluded that only 40 to 50 percent of the development budget of the province had been spent this year, because of issues concerning construction material, machinery, equipment and manpower while a few offices such as roads and energy had used up 50 to 60 percent of their annual budget.